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Preview of **OUR  
NATIONAL  
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**THEME:**

*Know your government*

**NATIONAL  
4-H CLUB CAMP and Invitational  
Open House for Rural Youth Leaders  
of the World**

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CITIZENSHIP IN A DEMOCRACY

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

--The Preamble

This statement of purpose and the famous document that it precedes stand today as one of the greatest instruments ever struck off by the hand of man. Conceived in adversity, tempered by experience, and tested by calamity, our form of government remains a champion of the common man, a tribute to his dignity, and a heritage of his sincerity.

Our Representative Government is a democracy within a republic--a government of laws, not of men. In it, through the medium of universal adult suffrage, every citizen is sovereign. Each is a king, and yet a subject. The individual is supreme - yet subservient to the common welfare. Our Federal Government may be considered the political organization and structure whereby the people exercise control over their own affairs and welfare.

To attain the purposes set forth in the Constitution, Our Representative Government engages in many activities and performs many functions and services. Among them are the following:

1. Defends the people against foreign aggression.
2. Supports courts of justice.
3. Regulates property rights of individuals.
4. Determines the political rights and duties of its citizens and the privileges of aliens.
5. Coins money.
6. Regulates trade and commerce between the States and between the States and foreign countries.
7. Maintains national roads and highways.
8. Operates the postal system.
9. Develops sanitary regulations.
10. Engages in research.
11. Promotes public education.

During National 4-H Club Camp you will have an opportunity to meet many people engaged in governmental affairs. You will hear a few of them speak. You will see the buildings in which Government functions are housed. You will observe some of the functions of Government in operation. You will have a brief glimpse of the cultural institutions we may enjoy to enrich our daily life. You will also see some of the shrines that remind us of our struggle for freedom and the democratic way of life. You will visit one of our great Naval Institutions and see some of the oldest cultivated land in the United States.

PLACES YOU WILL SEE

Legislative-- The Capitol  
Senate Office Building  
House Office Buildings

Executive-- The Pentagon  
The White House  
Blair House  
United States Department of Agriculture  
The Agricultural Research Center at Beltsville  
The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis  
Other Government Buildings

Judicial-- The Supreme Court

Historical-- The Capital City  
Washington Monument  
Lincoln Memorial  
Jefferson Memorial  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Mount Vernon  
Lee Mansion National Memorial (Custis-Lee Mansion)  
Annapolis, Maryland

Cultural-- Carter Barron Memorial Amphitheatre  
Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul  
Smithsonian Institution  
Arts and Industries Building  
Library of Congress  
National Gallery of Art  
National 4-H Club Center  
Rock Creek Park

Industrial-- National Airport  
Chamber of Commerce of the United States

International-- Pan American Union  
Embassies and Legations

YOUR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

When settlers first landed in America they had to live on what they could raise or hunt. As the colonies grew so did the problems of growing this food.

In 1796, George Washington recommended to Congress that funds be provided for the promotion of agriculture, but no money was appropriated. In those early days the Navy would bring plants and seeds back from foreign countries. These materials were left with the Patent Office, which was then a part of the Department of State. By 1836 Henry Ellsworth, Patent Office Commissioner, had begun distributing plants and seeds to farmers, largely at his own expense. In 1839, Congress made the first specific appropriation for agriculture. Commissioner Ellsworth was given permission to expend \$1,000 of Patent Office money for agricultural purposes. As the years went by and this fund began to prove inadequate, there was agitation for better service to agriculture. During the Civil War, the farmer's needs for scientific information grew.

On May 15, 1862, President Lincoln signed the act establishing agriculture as an independent bureau. The early experimental plots were located on a tract of land about where the present Department of Agriculture buildings now stand. By 1885 there was widespread demand for the founding and support of State agricultural experiment stations and for raising the head of the Department of Agriculture to Cabinet rank. In 1887, the Experiment Station or Hatch Act became law. In 1889, the Secretary of Agriculture became a member of the President's Cabinet. From this time on the Department began to grow rapidly. In March 1897, James Wilson became Secretary of Agriculture. He served until 1913. The West arch over Independence Avenue has been dedicated to his memory. During the 16 years that Secretary Wilson was in office, a foundation was laid for the Extension Service, which was set up to cooperate with the States in education, home improvement, and other services for rural families. Seaman A. Knapp was very active in laying this foundation for extension work. The East arch over Independence Avenue is named in his honor.

The South Building, in which is housed most of the Washington employees of the Department, was started in June 1930 and completed in January 1937. It has 7 miles of corridors, 4,292 rooms, 4,746 windows, working space for 8,000 employees, and is the third largest office building in the world, exceeded only by the Pentagon and Empire State Buildings.

THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER

You may wonder why the Federal Government spends money to do research on agriculture and home economics. The answer is that for more than 100 years your representatives in Congress have believed that the welfare of the whole country depends upon a sound and prosperous agriculture.

The kind of research done at Beltsville and at the State agricultural experiment stations has helped greatly to increase the efficiency of farm production. It also helps consumers. In fact, so much of this research benefits consumers--by improving the quality of the foods they buy--that it is hard to say just how much of their research is done for farmers and how much is done for the general public. We do know, though, that money spent for research frequently proves to be a most profitable investment. For example, an investment of \$10,000 in research to develop a better control for internal parasites of livestock now returns an annual dividend of \$10,000,000 to livestock growers and the public.

The Nation's farm-production plant is made up of more than six and a half million units, because there are that many farms in the United States. Only a few of these are large enough to support a research organization. For this reason the State and Federal Governments have been willing to invest funds in research designed to make farming more efficient and farm life more satisfying.

At Beltsville, Md., therefore, the United States Department of Agriculture maintains a large proving ground known as the Agricultural Research Center. On this farm of approximately 14,000 acres, testing projects have been established by the following Bureaus: Animal Industry; Dairy Industry; Plant Industry; Soils, and Agricultural Engineering; Entomology and Plant Quarantine; Human Nutrition and Home Economics; Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry; Forest Service; Soil Conservation Service; and Production and Marketing Administration.

The house in which the director of the Center lives was built about 1785 for John C. Herbert, of Revolutionary fame. The greater part of the land, used as a proving ground by the Research Center, originally belonged to the Snowden family and was known as Birmingham Manor.

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, U. S. A.

Washington, the Capital City of the United States, is one of the most beautiful centers of government in the world.

After protracted discussion of the claims of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other cities, to be named as the Capital, Congress in 1790 empowered President Washington to select a location for a Federal City on the Potomac River. The story goes that the site chosen by him, which became the city named in his honor, was one to which he had been attracted in his younger days as a surveyor.

To Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, at the recommendation of President Washington, went the assignment for the task of designing the future Capital of the Nation. It is unlike other American cities in this respect.

The plan was the first and most comprehensive ever designed for a city. It applied to the area 10 miles square, set apart as Federal territory, and called the District of Columbia. It was designed for a city of 800,000 inhabitants, the size of Paris at the time. The plan was original and was based purely on the existing topography. Although the city is laid out with streets running north and south, east and west, there is superimposed upon these a system of broad diagonals. At the intersections of two or more of these diagonal avenues are located the city's famous squares and circles. In the original plan the avenues were to be 160 feet in width. No city designed for commercial purposes would have avenues so wide--hence the whole plan indicates it was especially designed for the seat of the government of the Nation.

Three commissioners, appointed by the President and approved by the Senate, are responsible for the government of the District of Columbia. Residents of the District do not have the privilege of voting. The Federal Government helps pay for about 20 percent of the cost of the District government. The present population of Washington, D. C., is about 870,000. Including the suburban areas of Maryland and Virginia, there are over 1,400,000 residents.

It is said of the "Fathers of our country" that they founded better than they knew, in so far as a planned city is concerned.

### THE WHITE HOUSE

The Executive Mansion is not only the home of the President. It also contains the many offices required by the Chief Executive and his staff. The Cabinet meets here and makes many important decisions of Government affecting everyone. Here, too, the President holds his press conferences. The White House has been the focal point for many world-famous conferences and decisions that were a part of global strategy.

The site of the White House was selected by President Washington. In 1792 the cornerstone was laid, but it was not until the latter part of November 1800, the year Washington became the seat of the Government, that President and Mrs. John Adams moved in--the first Presidential family to occupy the White House. At that time it was incomplete, and much discomfort was experienced, particularly as to heating and lighting. The East Room was used as a place to dry the family wash. The White House was not finished until several years later. In 1814, when the White House was burned by the British, Dolly Madison cut the portrait of George Washington from its frame. The painting, a Gilbert Stuart, now hangs in the East Room. Other interesting rooms are the State Dining Room, the scene of brilliant State functions; the Blue Room--the President's reception room--the walls of which are covered with rich blue, corded silk, and the window hangings being of blue; the Red Room, the walls and window draperies of which are red velvet; and the Green Room, which has green velvet on the walls and a green rug bearing the coat of arms of the United States. At present, the White House is undergoing extensive repairs. During this time, the first family live at Blair House, about one block north.

### BLAIR HOUSE (Home of the Present President)

The Blair House is more important today than in 1836, when it was first occupied by Francis Blair, Editor of the Washington Globe, and a confidant of President Jackson. President Truman and his family moved to Blair House late in 1948 to live until the completion of repairs to the White House. Here Colonel Robert E. Lee was offered--and spurned--command of the Union Army. And Blair, in the quiet of his home, twice acted as intermediary between the White House and Jefferson Davis. He was one of the most important men of his day.

Diagonally across the street from the White House, Blair House is normally the President's guest house for heads of other countries visiting Washington. It is an impressive four-story building covered with pale yellow stucco over brick trimmed in white, with stone lintels at the green-shuttered windows--with all the repose and inviting dignity of an early 19th Century town house.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CENTER

The National 4-H Club Center, which is located at 6410 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, is a dream come true. It was purchased on February 9, 1951.

For many years, whenever 4-H members or leaders came together for a national meeting, they talked about a permanent headquarters of their own. They said it should be located in the Nation's Capital, that it should be large enough to house the National 4-H Club Camp, and that there should be dignity and beauty.

All these qualifications are embodied in the twelve-and-a-half-acre campus with five buildings, and located in one of the finest suburbs of Washington, D. C. Eventually, as planned, the National 4-H Club Center will have lodging, dining, and conference facilities for groups of varying numbers. It will be operated the year around on a nonprofit basis. It will have a maintenance service and program staff. A director will be in charge of activities.

Many groups will use the National 4-H Club Center:

1. Priority will be given to youth groups interested in rural life.
2. The annual national assembly of 4-H leaders and 4-H Club delegates head the list.
3. Conferences and meetings of Extension workers.
4. Youth groups from counties, States, and other countries.
5. Home demonstration councils, farm organizations, and adult associations.
6. Other groups, if their program is educational and constructive.

The National 4-H Club Center was dedicated to the fourfold development of Rural Youth on February 14, 1951, by Clarence J. McCormick, Under Secretary of Agriculture. DiAnne Mathra, a 4-H Club member from Illinois, was master of ceremonies. Harold Mullinix, 4-H Club member from Maryland, received the key to the new center from the Chevy Chase Junior College, former owner, and then turned it over to the U. S. Department of Defense for a very high priority secret defense project. But it is the hope that soon peace may be secured, or that other quarters may be found for this U. S. Army research activity. Then the National 4-H Center will be open to 4-H members and leaders everywhere.

THE SUPREME COURT

This is the highest court of the land, and the most remarkable tribunal in the history of jurisprudence. Although the Court was established by the Constitution, its organization was not specified. This is done by Congress. Originally the Court consisted of 6 justices, but it is now composed of 9. These are appointed by the President. They may retire after 10 years of service or at the age of 70 years. Each justice is assigned to one or two of the 10 judicial districts into which the country is divided. In the early days, these jurists would travel "on circuit," hearing cases as they went. Now they sit in session, between October and May, in the stately building you will see. A large volume of cases delays adjournment this year.

Cases are argued by attorneys for clients, and at least six of the justices must be present. Then the issues are discussed by the justices in closed sessions. The decisions reached by a majority of the members are read in public. Any jurist disagreeing may prepare a dissenting opinion.

The Court has jurisdiction only in cases defined by the Constitution. They are of two general kinds. First are cases of original jurisdiction, involving ambassadors, ministers, and consuls, or in which a State is a party. The second kind are those in which the Court has appellate jurisdiction. That is, the majority of cases are those which are appealed from lower Federal courts or the highest State courts, where a federal question is involved. The most unique feature of the Court is its authority to review questions about the constitutionality of the acts of Congress and render final decisions. This function has given rise to the statement by former Chief Justice Hughes, "We are under a Constitution, but the Constitution is what the judges say it is."

THE COURT

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1. Chief Justice Vinson	6. Mr. Justice Jackson
2. Mr. Justice Black	7. Mr. Justice Burton
3. Mr. Justice Reed	8. Mr. Justice Clark
4. Mr. Justice Frankfurter	9. Mr. Justice Minton
5. Mr. Justice Douglas	
10. The Clerk's Desk	11. The Marshall's Desk
12. Counsel's Desk	

### THE CAPITOL

The Capitol Building, dominating all Washington, stands on the crest of a hill, where cross the north-south and the east-west axes of the Federal City. The Capitol faces the east on a site selected by L'Enfant.\*

Simple, noble, beautiful, dignified, and graceful are the lines of the Capitol, which reflect the designs of Federal classic architecture. The huge central cast-iron dome crowns a structure 750 feet long by 375 feet wide. Around the base of the drum of the dome is a colonnade of 36 fluted Corinthian columns representing the States in the Union at the time the dome was completed. Surmounting the cap of the dome is a "lantern" decorated with a colonnade of 13 fluted Corinthian columns representing the original States of the Union. On top of the lantern is Thomas Crawford's 19-foot bronze statue of Freedom.

As seen from the east or west, the Capitol is composed of seven units. In the center, directly under the dome, is the rotunda. Flanking it are the original wings. Linked to these wings by short, narrow passageways are the extended wings, housing, respectively, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Entering the Capitol by the central portico from the east through the 10-ton Rogers bronze doors, one comes into the great rotunda, with its canopy, portraying the Apotheosis of Washington, and the 300-foot frieze encircling the rotunda, as well as the paintings of historical interest.

North of the great rotunda is the section formerly used by the Supreme Court, and to the south is Statuary Hall. Beyond the old Supreme Court section is the Senate section with the President's Room. East of Statuary Hall is the House extension.

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\* Once the site was established and land obtained for a Federal City, the need for a capable man to lay out the Capital assumed foremost importance. To Pierre Charles L'Enfant, at the recommendations of President Washington, was assigned the task of designing the future capital of the Nation. L'Enfant, a Frenchman, had been a military engineer in the Army of the Revolution, and had demonstrated an unusual capacity for the sort of public work he was now called upon to perform.

L'Enfant chose Capitol Hill as the nucleus of his plan, and from it he laid out wide avenues which would radiate in every direction. In addition, he laid out parks and circles and squares to be formed where these avenues cut at an angle across the lettered and numbered thoroughfares which were to cross the city at right angles to one another.

### CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, more properly called the Washington Cathedral, was chartered by Congress in 1893 for the promotion of religion, education, and charity. Thus, in a sense, this is a national institution. The foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid in 1907 in the presence of a great throng of people which included President Theodore Roosevelt. The Cathedral is situated on Mount St. Alban, from which height a magnificent view of the city is obtained. Although construction has been going on for 44 years, the Cathedral is not nearly completed. The total cost of the building will be about 20 million dollars. It is estimated that \$13,000,000 will be needed to complete the building. 4-H Clubs have contributed several stones in the building to date.

The Cathedral, built in the style of fourteenth-century Gothic architecture, ranks among the greatest ecclesiastical structures of this country and among the 10 largest in the world. It is being built, like all cathedrals, in the form of a large cross; the apse, choir, and nave form the stem of the cross while the north and the south transepts serve as the arms. Following the precedent established in Westminster Abbey, many of the Nation's illustrious dead will be entombed in the Cathedral. Among those now resting there are President Woodrow Wilson and Admiral George Dewey.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES

The Chamber of Commerce building, which is of modernized classic Greek type, occupies the site of the old red-brick mansion known for many years as the one-time home of Daniel Webster. Designed by Cass Gilbert, the architect of the Supreme Court Building, it typifies the present period in national industrial and commercial development. The building was designed primarily as a gathering place—a common center—for the branches of trade and industry, the many threads of which are drawn together in the national chamber's membership.

The 4-H Club party is to be held in the Council Chamber, a lofty room with teakwood floors, high walls of French Crazanne marble, and a ceiling decorated by Ezra Winter. Between the beams are bas-relief panels and a series of inscriptions setting forth the outstanding achievement of explorers who blazed the paths of trade.

## EMBASSIES AND LEGATIONS ALONG TOUR ROUTES

Luxembourg Legation  
Greek Embassy  
Danish Legation  
Czechoslovak Embassy  
Venezuelan Embassy  
British Embassy  
South African Legation  
Iranian Embassy  
Norwegian Embassy  
Mexican Embassy  
Spanish Embassy  
Italian Embassy  
Polish Embassy  
Cuban Embassy  
Lithuanian Embassy  
Yugoslav Legation  
Soviet Embassy

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The Smithsonian Institution is unique among scientific establishments. It administers seven Government bureaus, yet its own activities are supported by means of the income from its private endowment fund. This fund was left in trust to the United States by an Englishman who had never been in America, and who knew no one here. James Smithson was an English scientist who, in 1826, willed his fortune to the United States to found an establishment, the purpose of which he stated as "the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." After years of debate, Congress agreed on what Smithson's intentions were. Today the threefold program of the Institution consists of (1) increasing knowledge by research, (2) diffusing it through publications, and (3) exchanging results with other nations.

The Institution is not a Federal agency. It is administered by a Board of Regents made up of the Vice President and Chief Justice, ex officio; three Senators, three Representatives, and six citizens. The executive officer is a secretary selected by the Board.

Arts and Industries Building. In this building are the Hall of History containing mementoes of famous Americans; Lindbergh's plane, the "Spirit of St. Louis;" the United States Flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to compose The Star-Spangled Banner; the gowns worn by the Mistresses of the White House; exhibits relating to coins, military and naval history, paints, mining, textiles, foods, wood, transportation, and communication.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Alexandria, Va., is on the Potomac River, opposite part of Washington, D. C. It is named after an early surveyor and land owner. Young George Washington helped to lay out the streets in 1749. In 1789, Virginia gave Alexandria away, and it became part of the District of Columbia. In 1846, Congress gave it and adjoining territory back to Virginia.

Christ Church (Corner Cameron and Columbus Streets) was built about 1770. George Washington was a vestryman of the parish in 1765. The pew (No. 60) owned by him is marked by a silver plate. A silver plate also marks Robert E. Lee's pew (No. 46).

Gadsby's Tavern (Royal Street, near Cameron Street) served as Washington's headquarters several times during the French and Indian War. A reception was held here for General LaFayette in 1824.

Stabler-Leadbeater's Drug Store (107 South Fairfax Street) is one of the oldest drug stores in America and is now a museum. Among the exhibits is a note to the druggist from Martha Washington.

Carlyle House (123 North Fairfax Street) is where George Washington was commissioned as an aide to General Braddock.

Robert E. Lee House (607 Oronoco Street) is where Robert E. Lee lived as a boy.

Washington National Airport (Mount Vernon Memorial Highway) is the world's most modern commercial flying field. It covers 750 acres. There are four runways averaging a mile in length to permit safe take-offs and landing regardless of the direction of the wind. Two are 150 feet wide and two are 200 feet wide.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Arlington National Cemetery, the largest and most famous of American national burial grounds, is a part of the old Arlington estate. Among the many commemorative monuments in the cemetery, the most important are the Memorial Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Arlington serves as a tragic reminder of the futility of war, on the one hand, and the cost of freedom in terms of human life, on the other.

National 4-H Club Camp delegates will continue this year the tradition of former delegates and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice, in a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

LEE MANSION NATIONAL MEMORIAL (Custis-Lee Mansion)

The Lee Mansion National Memorial, usually known as the Custis-Lee Mansion, built in 1802, is linked through its builder, George Washington Parke Custis, the only grandson of Martha Washington, with Mount Vernon and the Washington family, but is more familiarly associated with Robert E. Lee, the beloved Confederate general. Lee Mansion is built along simple colonial lines of stuccoed brick, painted buff and trimmed with white. Standing on the portico, with its huge Doric columns, one has a memorable view of the Potomac, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and surrounding buildings.

Here, Robert E. Lee, after his marriage in 1831 to Mary Ann Randolph Custis, daughter of the adopted son of George Washington, lived for 30 years. Occupied by the Union forces, Lee Mansion National Memorial was one of the key positions in the defense of the Capitol. Restoration and furnishing of the house and other buildings was approved by act of Congress in 1925. Under the supervision of the National Park Service, Lee Mansion National Memorial is not so much a museum, but rather a home reflecting a period of gentle and gracious living.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

The National Gallery of Art is a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution. The Gallery was erected with funds given by the late Andrew W. Mellon at a cost of more than \$1,500,000. It is one of the largest marble structures in the world, the exterior walls being of rose-white Tennessee marble. The central architectural feature of the interior is the rotunda under the dome, which is supported by 24 dark-green marble columns. Both the diameter of the rotunda and the height to the top of the dome measure 100 feet. In each of the two wings of the building is a garden court where visitors may rest on their tour of the galleries. Each court has a colonnade of 16 monoliths of Indiana limestone and, in the center, a fountain surrounded by plants and flowers. At present, there are 1,800 paintings and pieces of sculpture in the Gallery. The two great collections now on display were provided by Andrew W. Mellon and Samuel H. Kress.

### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress houses the memory of the human race and mirrors "all that mankind has done, thought, gained, or been."

Laws in a democracy must be wisely conceived and intelligently written. The experience of mankind must be called upon. Congressmen representing you and your district want to act on the basis of the best knowledge available. A good library is, therefore, of prime importance. The usefulness of the Library of Congress has grown each year, for it not only serves the lawmakers, but also the Federal agencies, learned institutions, and independent organizations, and research workers and scholars may use its facilities for study. The copyrighting functions are located in the Library.

The Library of Congress, in the world's largest and most elaborate building devoted wholly to library uses, was founded in 1800 by an act appropriating \$5,000 for the purchase of "books for the use of both Houses of Congress." It now has more than 7,300,000 books and pamphlets and 15,300,000 other items, including maps, charts, musical compositions, prints, manuscripts, films, phonograph records, posters, and photographs. Thomas Jefferson's library of more than 6,700 volumes formed the nucleus of the present collection. In addition, the Library maintains a union catalog of 10,000,000 cards representing the holdings of 700 other libraries. Thus the knowledge held in libraries of your community is made available to Congress quickly. A tunnel connects the Library with the Capitol and an endless chain system conveys books back and forth.

The architecture is of the Renaissance order. The exterior walls are of New Hampshire granite. When the first building was erected, in the 1890's, 50 masters of painting and sculpture worked together to make it a treasure house of the best contemporary American art.

The grand stair hall of the entrance pavilion is of Italian white marble. It leads to the great rotunda, which is the reading room. To the right are the library rooms of Senators and Representatives; to the left, the rooms for the blind and the conservatory of music.

Outstanding among the many interesting exhibits are the originals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, a copy of the Gutenberg Bible, and a quartet of stringed instruments made by Antonio Stradivari.

### LINCOLN MEMORIAL

"In this temple, as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the Union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever."

When L'Enfant made his first plan, the Potomac River flowed over the present site of the Lincoln Memorial; when Congress extended the plan, the site was a swamp. Today this huge fane, larger than either wing of the Capitol, stands on a circular plateau 45 feet above the surrounding Potomac Park, mirrored in the long reflecting pool in line with the Washington Monument and the Capitol.

The Memorial, the work of Henry Bacon, is constructed of White Colorado marble. At the base it is 188 feet long and 118 feet wide. It rises to a height of 100 feet. Each of its 36 columns represents one of the States of the Union at the time of Lincoln's death, and on the attic wall are 48 festoons emblematic of the States of the Union today. Within is a great wall completely dominated by the colossal figure of Daniel Chester French's Lincoln, said to be the largest statue ever carved. Nineteen feet tall, carved from Georgia marble, it weighs 150 tons. On the north and south sides, respectively, are inscribed the Second Inaugural Address and the Gettysburg Address. The closing lines of the Second Inaugural are surely appropriate today:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all;  
with firmness in the right, as God gives us to  
see the right, let us strive on to finish the  
work we are in; to bind up the Nation's wounds,  
to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and  
for his widow and his orphan—to do all which may  
achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace  
among ourselves and with all nations."

On the other walls are murals painted by Jules Guerin commemorating the Emancipation and the Reunion.

The hall, formerly lighted only through the great central entrance and by translucent panels of marble, now has 24 powerful floodlights in the attic, the light being directed downward through the ceiling panels toward the statue.

### JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

This memorial is dedicated to the man whose words in the Declaration of Independence have served as a basis for great hope in the hearts of all men—"...that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights ...." As an early champion of the natural and civic rights of the individual, which have remained the principal doctrines of Americanism, Thomas Jefferson will forever be remembered as one of the great American figures.

The architecture of the monument reflects the type of design that he admired in the Pantheon of Rome and the Virginia State Capitol that he helped plan.

Although the pleasant reflections of the Jefferson Memorial seen along the south banks of the Tidal Basin greatly enhance its beauty, the selection of this site was influenced by factors of far greater significance than the purely aesthetic. The importance of Jefferson as one of the great figures in the Nation's history demanded a memorial site of prominence in the central plan of the Capital City and in relation to the other great memorials already built. The location of the Capitol, the White House, and the Mall in accordance with the famous L'Enfant plan, together with the erection of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial on the west axis of the Capitol, long ago established the cardinal points of the city's plan. The lone remaining site in this crosslike scheme was the one selected for the Jefferson Memorial, south of the Tidal Basin, on the south axis of the White House.

As Jefferson was one of the Nation's foremost statesmen, so was he a leading agriculturist. It is fitting therefore that the National 4-H Club Camp Citizenship Ceremony is to be held on the approaches to his monument. Here, at the apex of our representative government and on the banks of the historic Potomac River, now 4-H citizens will confirm their faith in democracy and dedicate their lives to justice, tolerance, and service.

### THE PENTAGON

The Pentagon—the world's largest office building—was designed in a race against time. It was planned for efficiency, not beauty. Its immediate function has been to house those who planned the grand strategy involved in winning the global war. Its massive fortress-like outline suggests at once its military function. The effect is Hellenic in its simplicity and harmony, modern in its lack of curves, its ridged formality, and its vastness.

4-H members will be interested to know that the Pentagon stands on the ground formerly used by the United States Department of Agriculture for agricultural research. It covers 34 acres and housed 32,000 workers during World War II. There are seventeen and a half miles of corridors. It is not only a five-sided structure, but it also contains five buildings, one within the other. It is three times larger than the Empire State Building. At one stage in the construction of this building, 15,000 men were employed. The switchboard can handle 90,000 calls a day.

The Pentagon was constructed during 1941 and 1942 for the purpose of centralizing the Army Headquarters' staff of 24,000 which up to then was housed in 17 different buildings. Vast as the building is, it houses only those agencies of the War Department which have the greatest need for centralization. Among these are the offices of the Secretary, the Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the general staff of the Army Air Forces and the Army Service Forces, and The Adjutant General.

The system of highways to and surrounding the Pentagon area is one of the most intricate in the country. It is made necessary by three main express highways that converge on the area from Virginia. Frequent users of this network of roads acclaim it as a marvel of safe-engineering accomplishment. To the newcomer it may at first seem confusing.

A pattern of cloverleaf turns makes it possible for the extremely heavy volume of traffic from U. S. Highway #1, the Pentagon, and the residential areas of Virginia to flow rapidly, without a single traffic light and with no left turns against traffic. At one point, three roads cross, each at a different level.

### ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Annapolis, the capital city of Maryland, is on the Severn River 2 miles above its outlet into Chesapeake Bay. It is on Defense Highway 30 miles northeast of Washington, D. C., and 26 miles southeast of Baltimore. Boat building, oyster packing, and water commerce are the principal industries. It is in the midst of a fruit and berry growing region and on the edge of the famous Maryland tobacco growing section.

Annapolis is widely known as the seat of the United States Naval Academy with its beautiful new buildings and grounds on which the Government has expended \$28,000,000. The marine barracks and naval experiment stations are also here. Saint John's College, the first free school in America, was established in Annapolis in 1696.

The State buildings include the colonial statehouse dating from 1772, recently rebuilt, and the little treasury building. There are Catholic and Presbyterian churches and the historic Episcopal Church of Saint Anne, first erected in 1695. A convent, a house of Redemptorist Fathers, formerly the Carroll residence, and some of the finest colonial mansions in the country are among other points of interest, as well as the bronze statues of Gen. John De Kalb and Chief Justice Roger B. Taney.

The city was founded in 1649 and was first named Providence. It received its present name in honor of Queen Anne and was made the capital of the province in 1694; in 1708 it was given a charter by the Queen. Annapolis played an important part in early American history. On October 19, 1774, the brig Peggy Stuart laden with tea was burned in the harbor in protest against the taxation of the colonies by Great Britain. The first Federal Constitutional Convention was held here in 1786, and in 1783 Washington surrendered his commission in the senate room of the statehouse.

### CARTER BARRON MEMORIAL AMPHITHEATRE ROCK CREEK PARK

"The Carter Barron Memorial Amphitheatre, beautiful in design and setting, and unexcelled as a technical triumph in modern production facilities, is the one permanent structure authorized by the National Capital Sesquicentennial Commission. It was planned primarily to house 'Faith of Our Fathers,' the third of Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Green's epic historical dramas."

The 1951 edition of "Faith of Our Fathers" portrays the life and times of the Father of Our Country, George Washington. The strength and vision of the man, the struggles of a fledgling nation, the trials and forces which determine and shape the great democratic ideals are portrayed in this drama. A better understanding of our history and traditions, a greater appreciation of the inception and ideals of our nation, an inspiration for the present and future of our country are the objectives of "Faith of Our Fathers."

In December 1949, Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, broke ground for the Amphitheatre, which is almost entirely of native stone. Expert engineering accounts for the remarkable acoustics and spectacular lighting effects, and for the fact that the angle of vision from any seat is perfect for each of the three stages. By August 1950, the great 78-foot center stage and two side stages, each extending 40 feet, the twin lighting towers 50 feet high, the huge orchestra pit, and 4,059 comfortable armchair seats were completed in readiness for the premiere of "Faith of Our Fathers."

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE  
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY AT ANNAPOLIS

Students at the Naval Academy hold appointments as midshipmen in the U. S. Navy. By act of Congress five midshipmen may be appointed by each Senator, Representative, Delegate in Congress, and the Vice President; five may be selected from the District of Columbia; five from Puerto Rico, appointed on nomination of the Resident Commissioner; four, one for each class, are designated by the President of the Republic of the Philippine Islands; and one from the Canal Zone. In addition, the law provides for 75 annually from the States-at-large appointed by the President; 160 annually from the Navy and Marine Corps; 160 annually from the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve; and 20 annually from honor military schools and Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps units. The law also provides for a total of not more than 40 midshipmen-at-large appointed by the President from among the sons of members of the land or naval forces.

There are three separate and distinct methods of qualifying for admission to the Naval Academy--(a) by passing the regular entrance examination, (b) by presenting an acceptable secondary school certificate and passing a substantiating examination in mathematics and English only, and (c) by presenting acceptable secondary school and college certificates without mental examination. Only those candidates who receive outright Congressional nominations are permitted to utilize the college certificate method of qualifying without a mental examination.

All candidates, except Filipinos, and candidates from American Republics, are required to be citizens of the United States. Candidates must not be less than 17 or more than 21 years of age April 1 of the calendar year they enter the Academy, with the exception that a recent act of Congress raises to 23 years the upper age limit for candidates for admission to the Naval Academy who have served honorably not less than 1 year in the armed forces of the United States during any of the recent wars.

The course at the Naval Academy covers a period of 4 years. During the summer term the midshipmen of the three upper classes are divided into units assigned for practical instruction in ships of the U. S. Fleet or basic aviation training.

Graduates who are qualified are commissioned as ensigns in the line of the U. S. Navy and from each graduating class a limited number may be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps, to fill existing vacancies. Graduates who are commissioned serve in a probationary status for 6 years from graduation.

### WASHINGTON MONUMENT

This great monument stands just a few blocks from your Department of Agriculture, near the historic Potomac River, in a spacious park south of the White House grounds.

The history of the Washington Monument begins with the close of the Revolutionary War, for in 1783 Congress passed a resolution providing for an equestrian statue of Washington. L'Enfant, in drawing up his plans for the Federal City in 1791, included a statue of Washington on a spot approximately where the Monument now stands. Washington objected to the expenditures from Federal funds, and the matter was dropped. From time to time movements were started to erect a monument to Washington, but not until 1848 did Congress grant a site on public lands. Because of financial difficulties, political bickering, and other handicaps, progress was slow, and in 1876 Congress authorized completion at Government expense.

The Monument was completed in 1884. It is one of the tallest in the world, rising 555 feet, 5 and one-eighth inches above the ground and weighing more than 80,000 tons. An elevator and a flight of 898 steps ascend to a chamber at the 500-foot level. Here you can get an excellent view of the city and the general layout of the buildings in which your Government functions. Note the Latin cross formed by the placing of the White House, the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial.

On the inside of the Monument are 202 carved tribute blocks donated in memory of Washington, by individuals, societies, cities, States, and foreign powers.

Your trip to the top of the monument is intended to give you an over-view of all the places you have visited. Thus reminded once more of the brilliant planning of Major L'Enfant, it is hoped that your impressions of Your Capital City will be indelibly impressed in your memory.

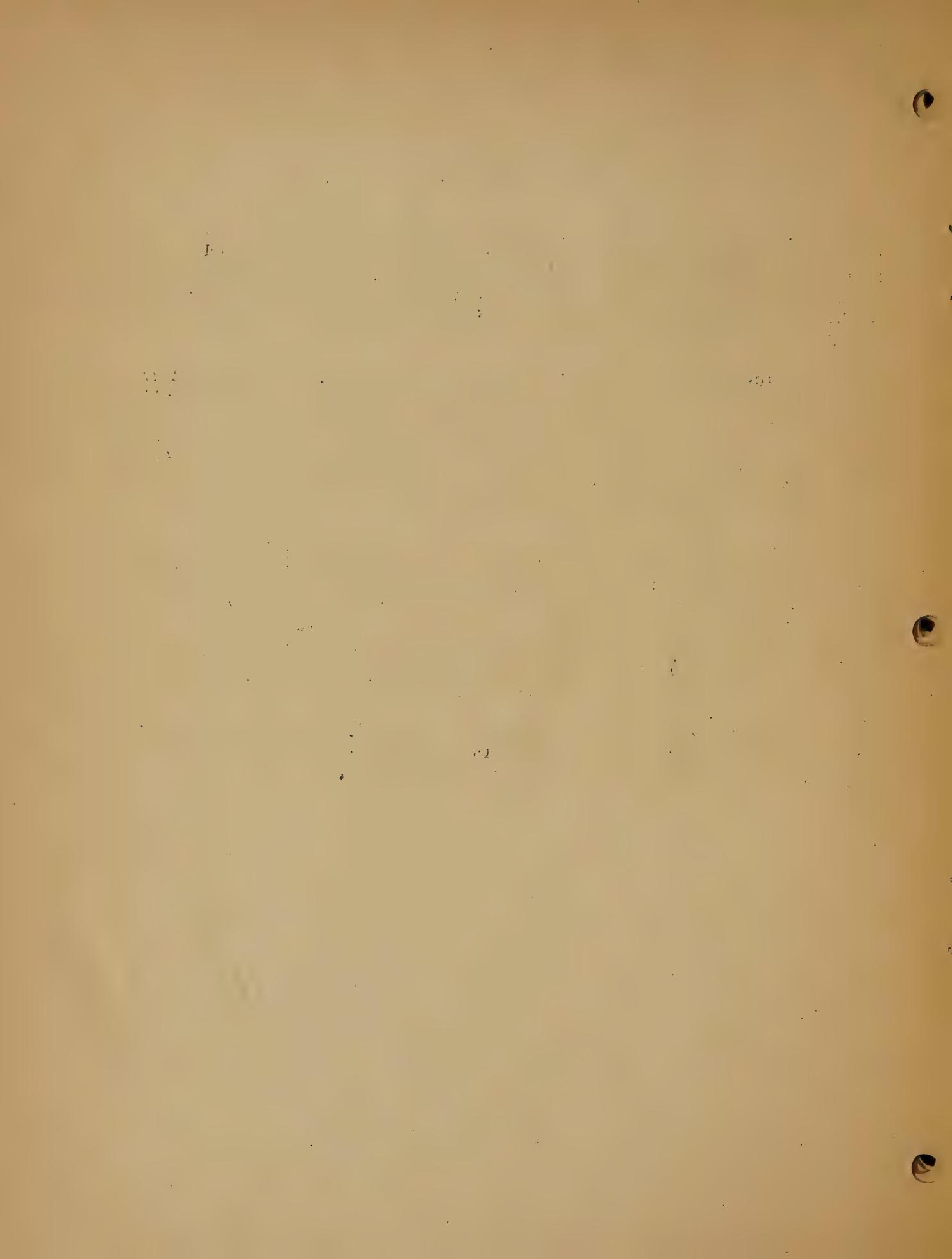
### MOUNT VERNON

Mount Vernon, the residence and burial place of the "Father of our Country," is a sacred and beloved shrine of American democracy. It is situated on the banks of the Potomac River, 15 miles from Washington. Here Washington carried on his work as a progressive farmer until called to command the Continental Army. He returned to live happily as a private citizen after the Revolution and his years of service as the first President.

George Washington spent the greater part of his life here. The home and grounds have been restored and are maintained by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association that was organized in 1858. The Association purchased the property for \$200,000 from Martha Washington's nephew. The estate, which now comprises 476 acres, was once a part of an area patented to John Washington, who came to America in 1656. The grounds have been landscaped and restored according to Washington's records and advice to his estate manager.

George Washington's father first built a home on this land in 1735. This was destroyed by fire, and Lawrence Washington, half brother of George, rebuilt the house and named the place Mount Vernon after his old commander, Admiral Edward Vernon, of the British Navy. In 1754 the estate passed into the hands of George Washington, who, after his marriage to Martha Dandridge Custis, a wealthy young widow, set about to develop the estate. Despite his many absences from Mount Vernon, it was undoubtedly one of the best-managed estates in the Colonies, and Washington himself was regarded as one of the richest men.

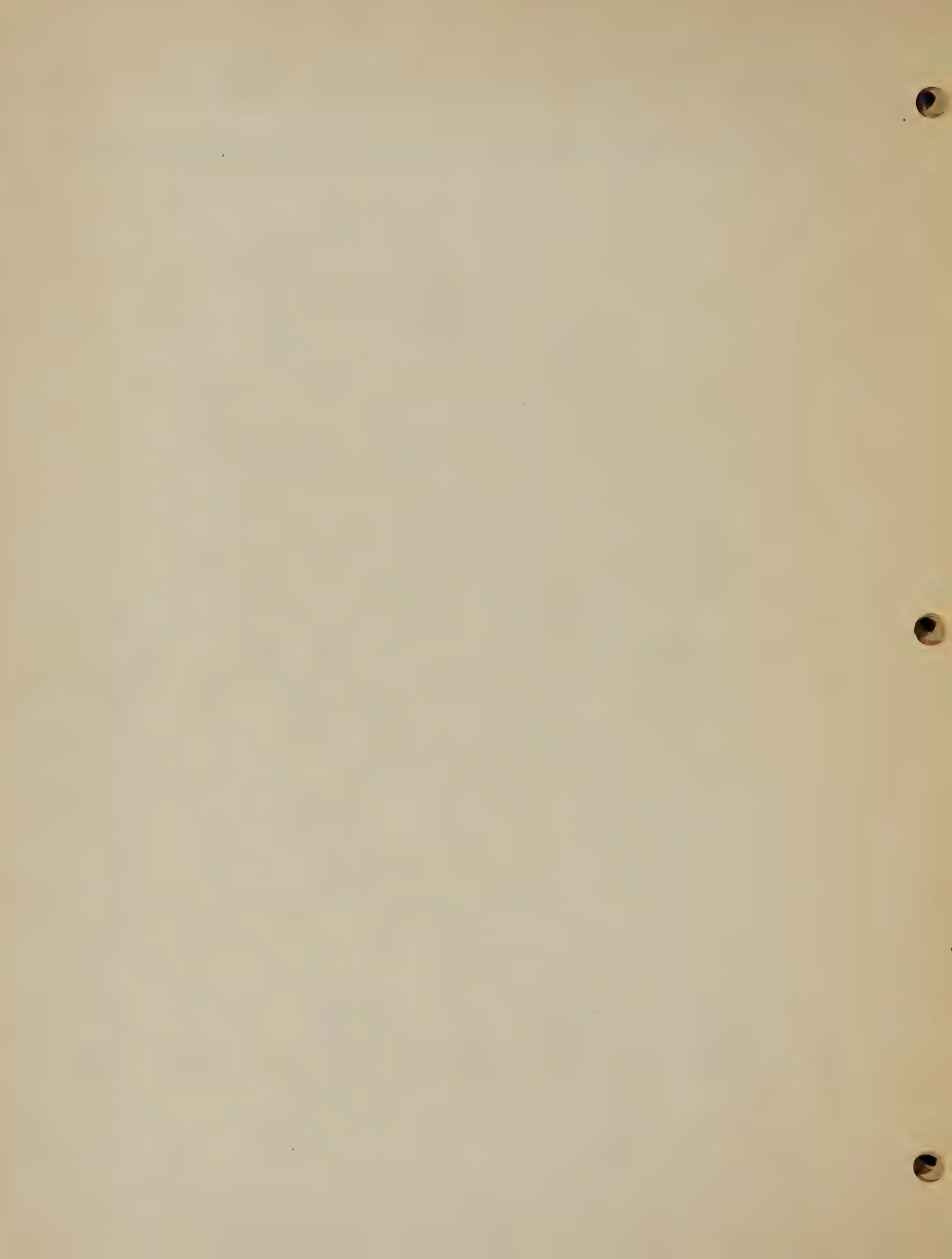
The house is typically Georgian in style, with a broad, pillared portico overlooking the Potomac River. In 1773 the clapboard siding was covered with sand-finish wood, cut to give the appearance of stone blocks.



# *How a bill becomes a law-* **IN OUR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**



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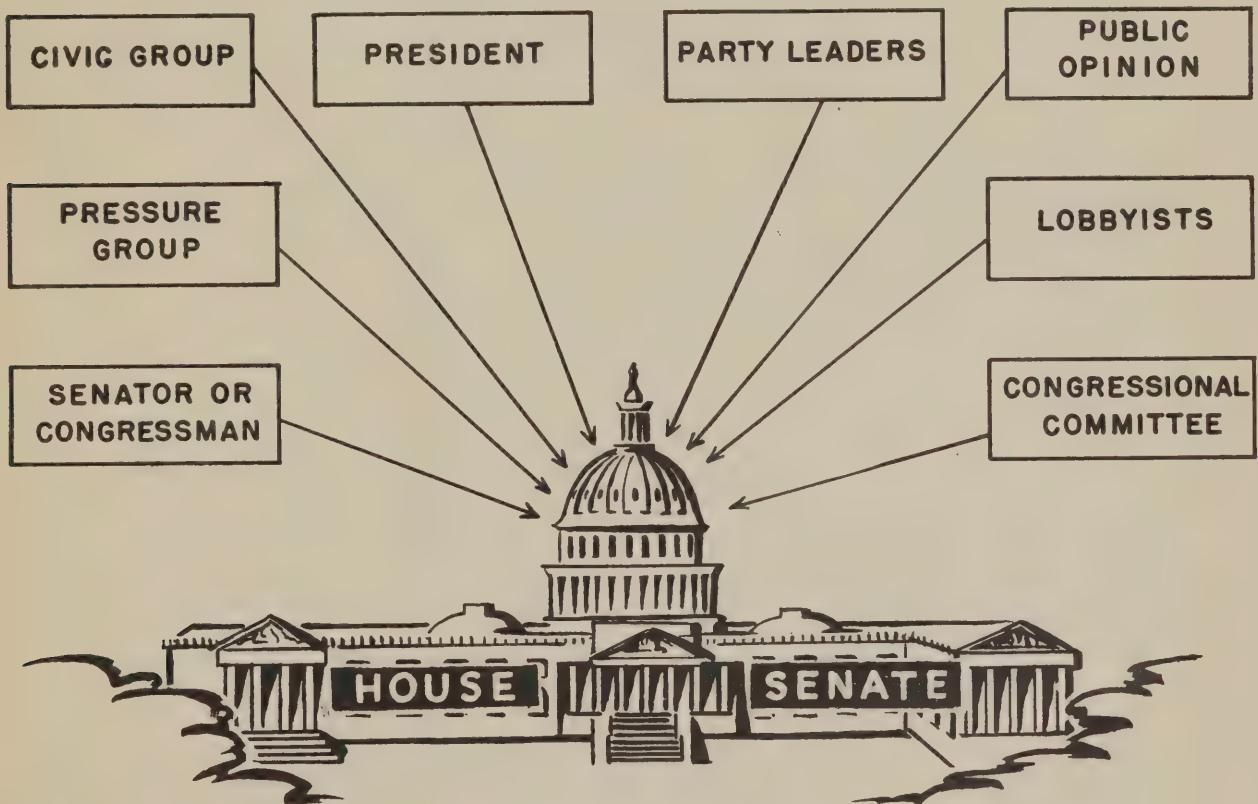
# A Bill's Beginnings

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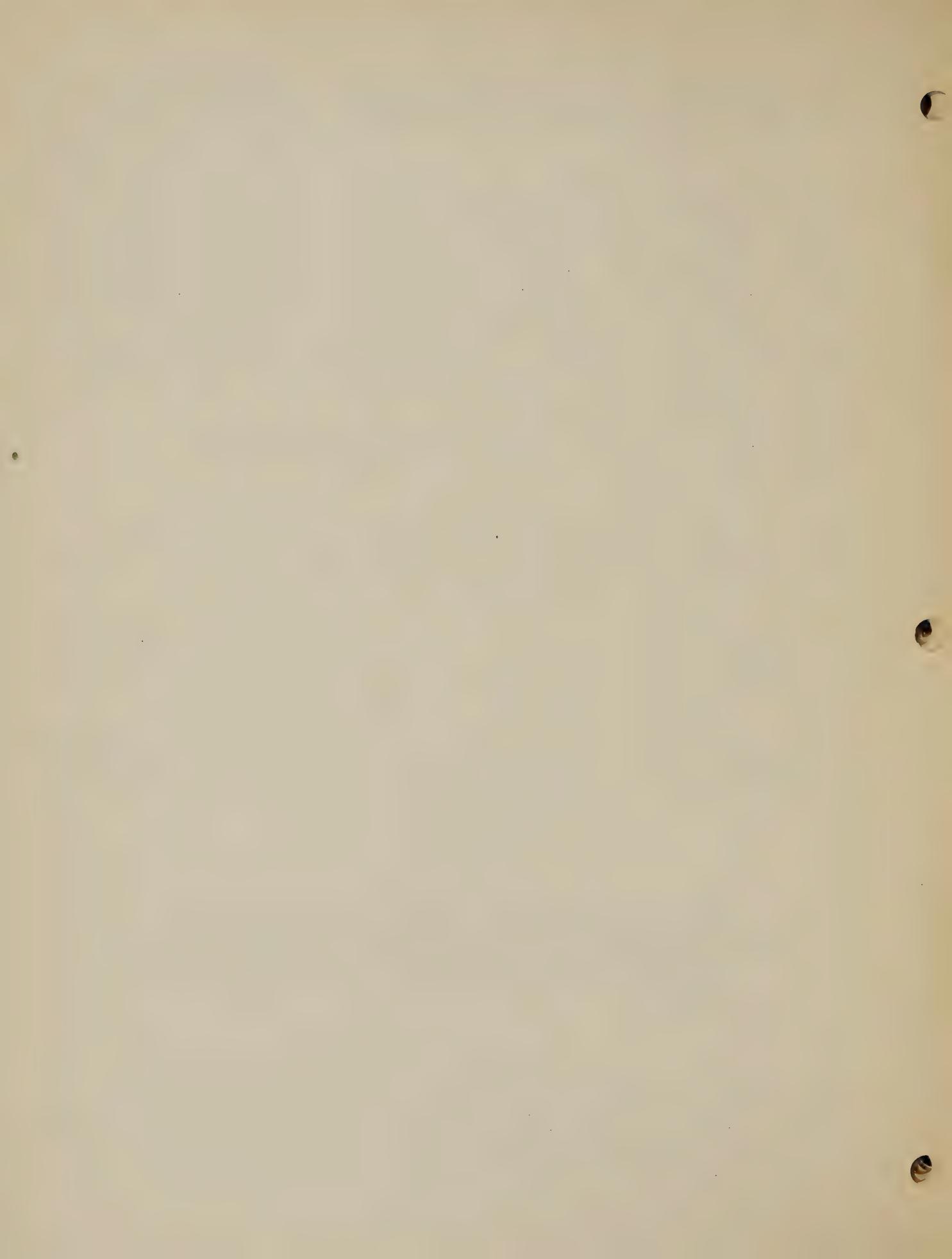
Bills are introduced in Congress by Senators and Congressmen. A bill may be written by the legislators themselves, or it may come as a recommendation from the President. Often bills are framed by congressional committees, or they may come as a proposal growing out of the needs of a group of citizens, or proposed by lobbyists or special groups. When a bill is written in correct legal form, it may be introduced in the House or the Senate, except that all revenue bills must originate in the House.



*Here is the path "Bill" takes in going through Congress:*



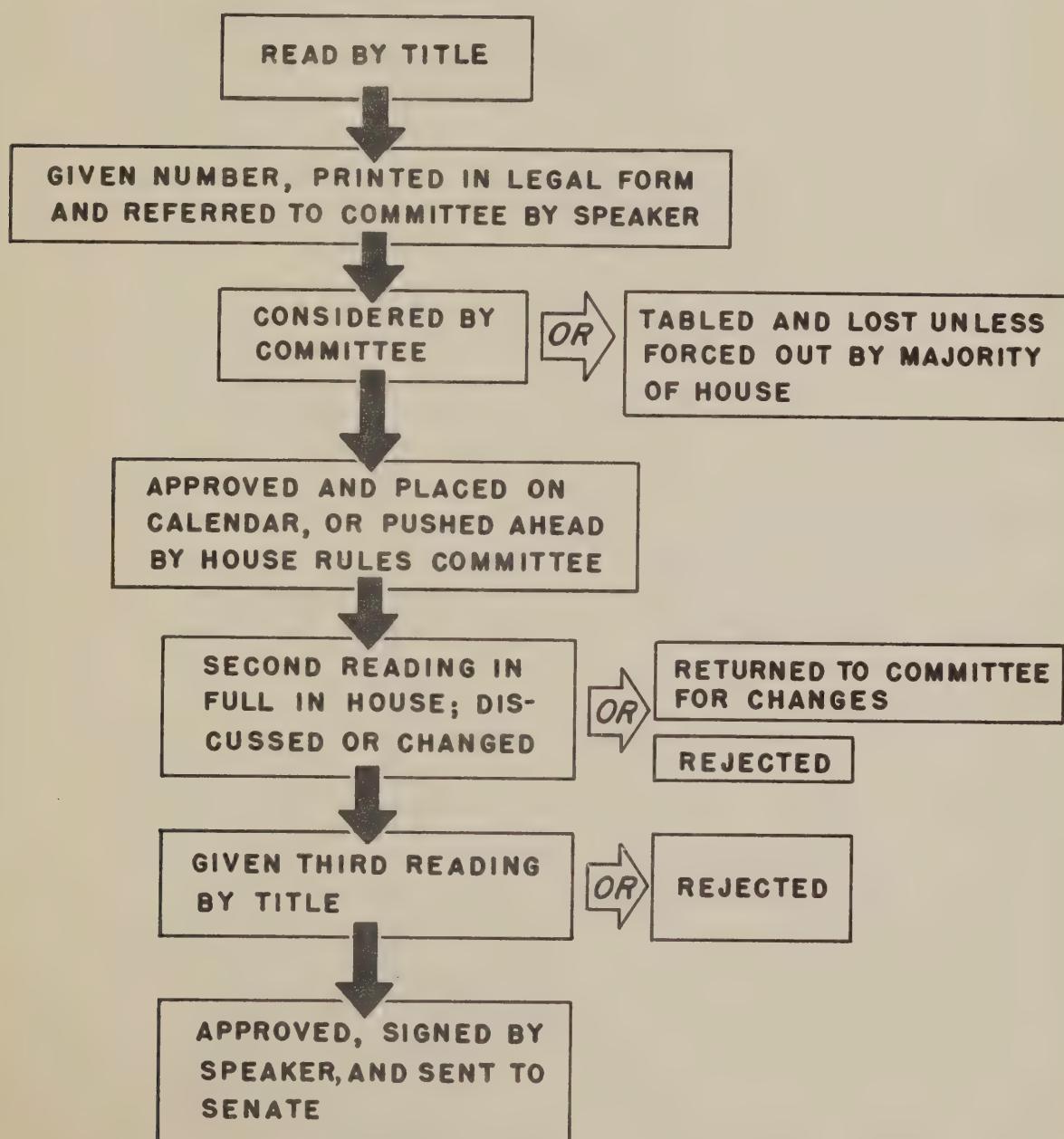
Public opinion, in a democracy, is so powerful that members of Congress are influenced to pass or kill a bill according to the wishes of the people. The discussion at social gatherings, 4-H Club meetings, or even at the post office is all part of this public opinion which influences the passing of laws.





# Bill's Early Life - in the House

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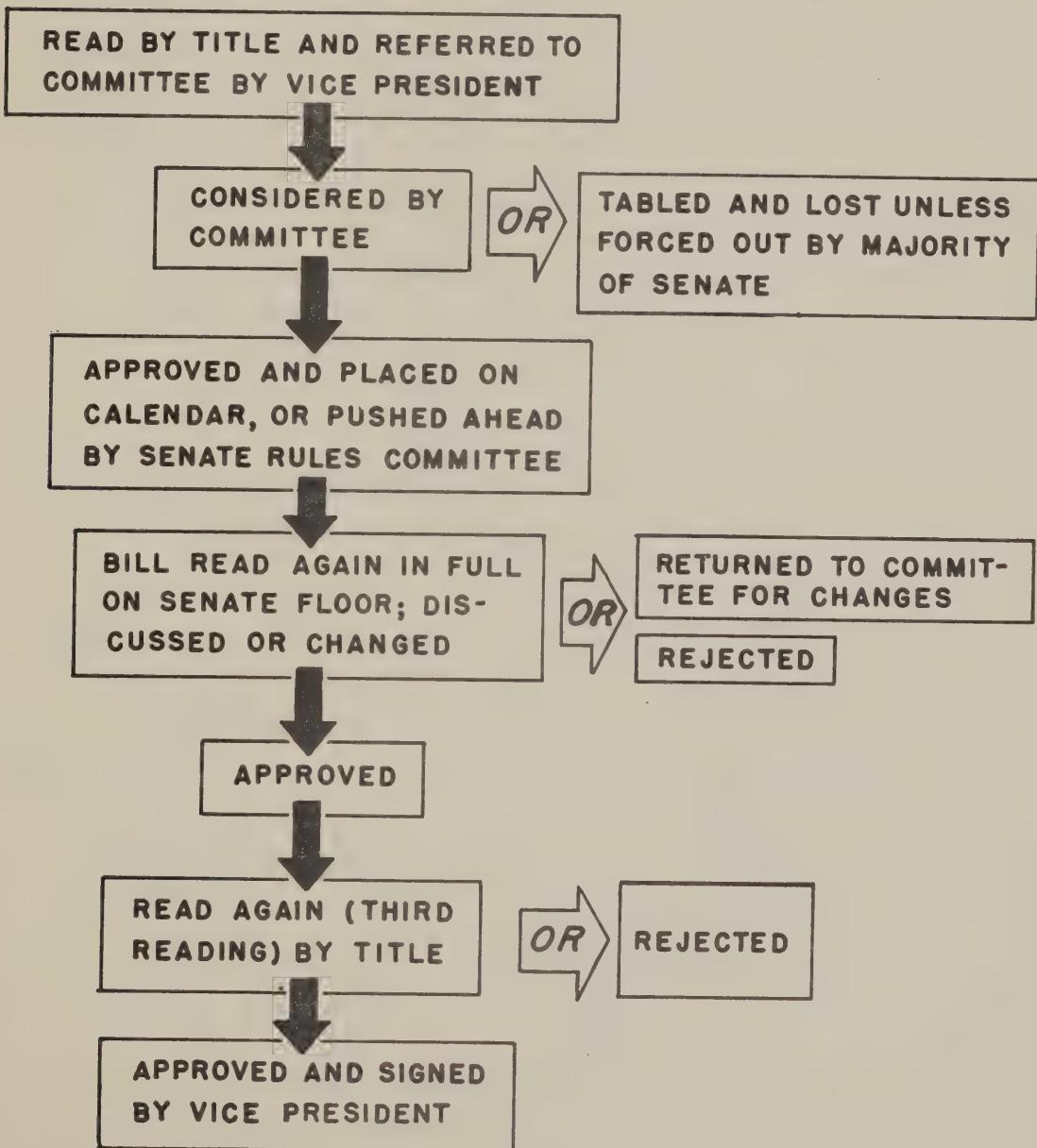


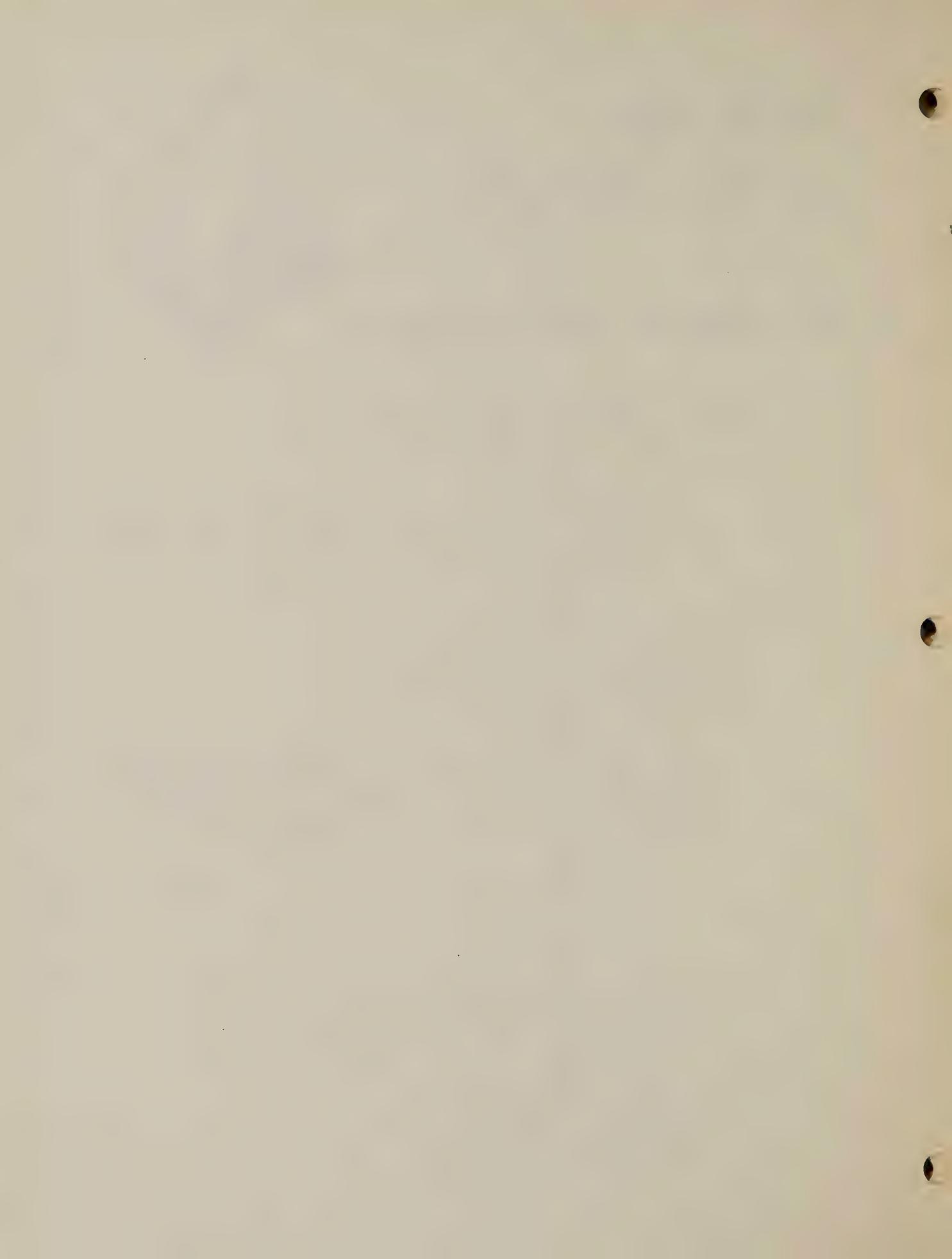


# Teen age - in the Senate



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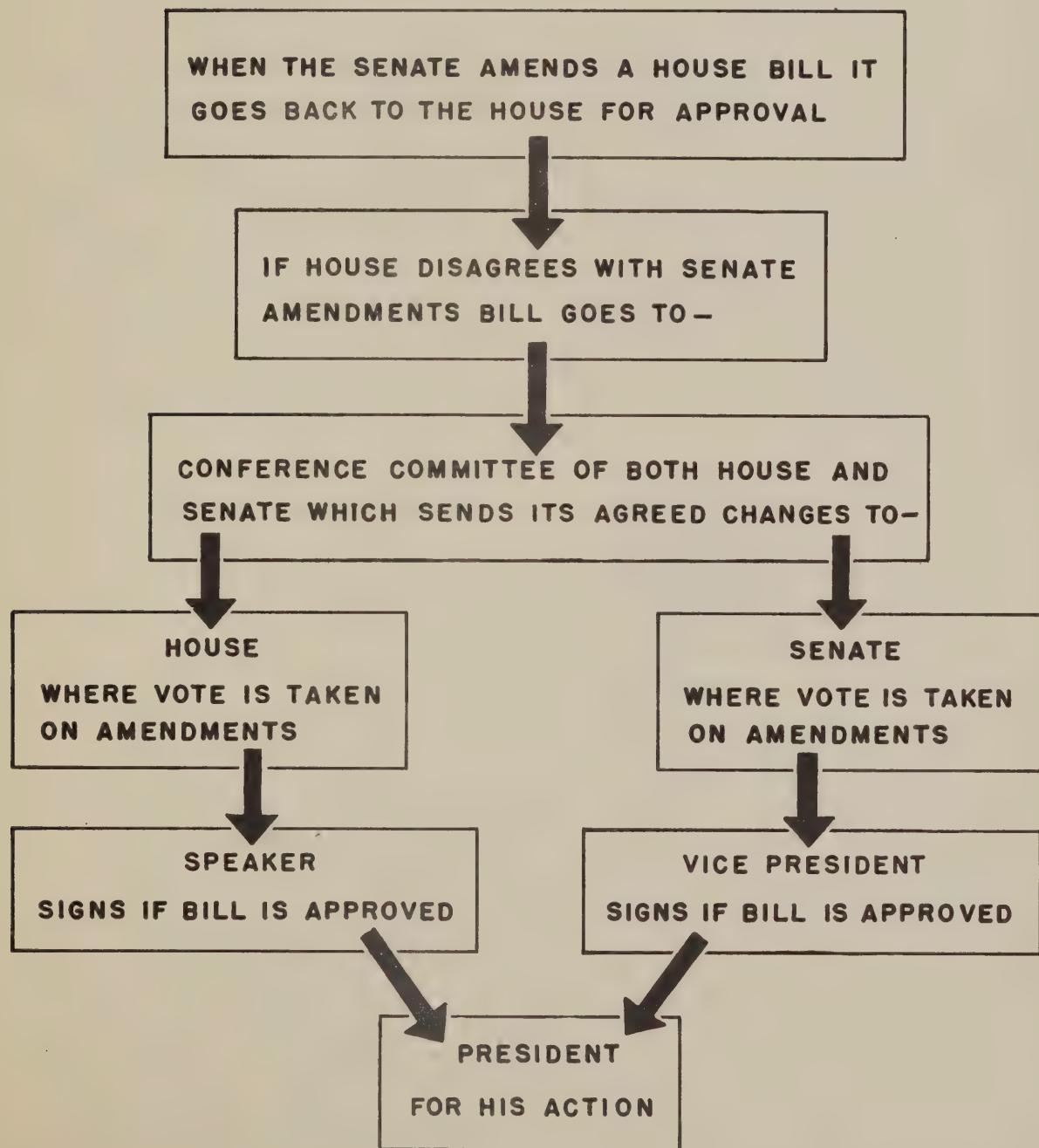


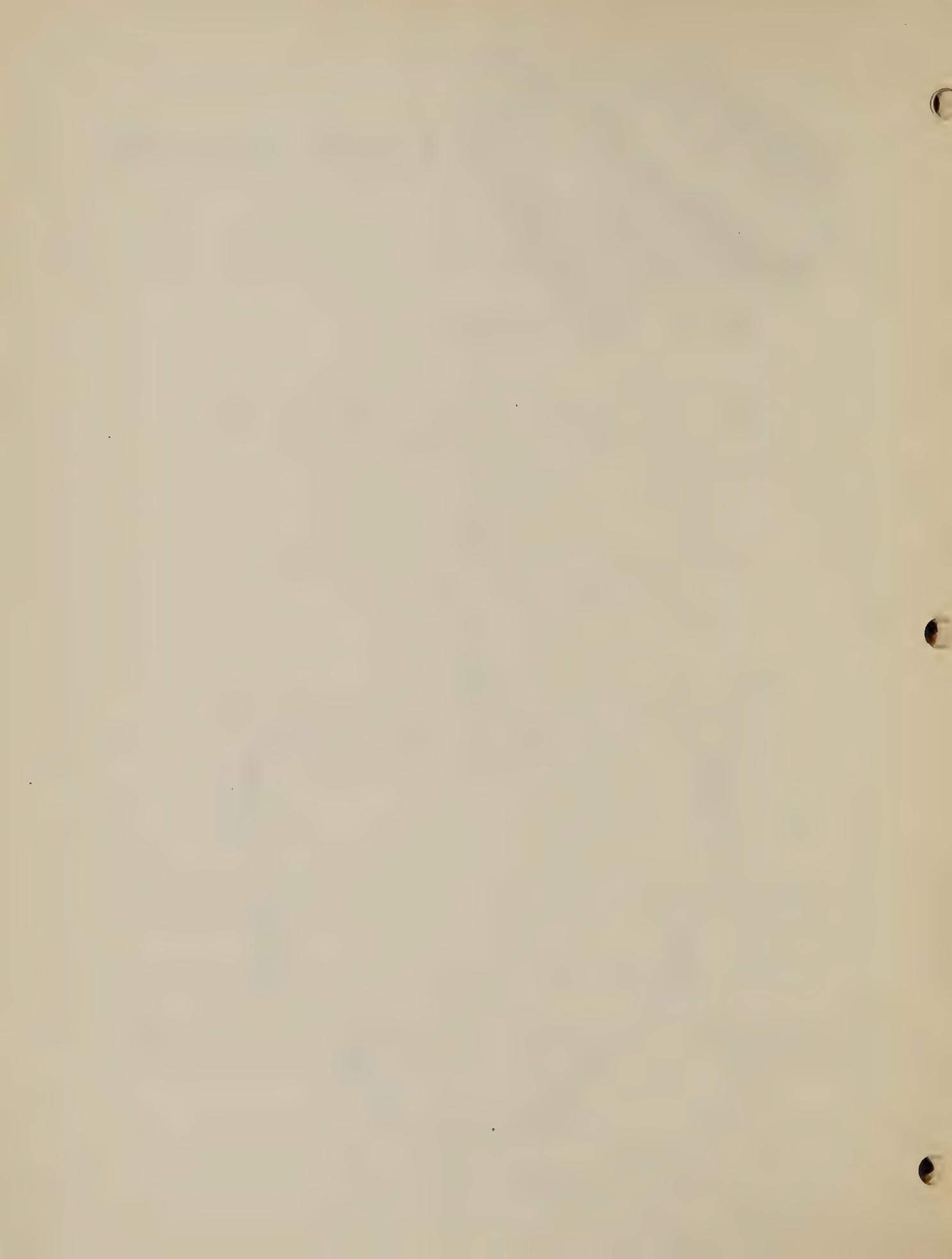




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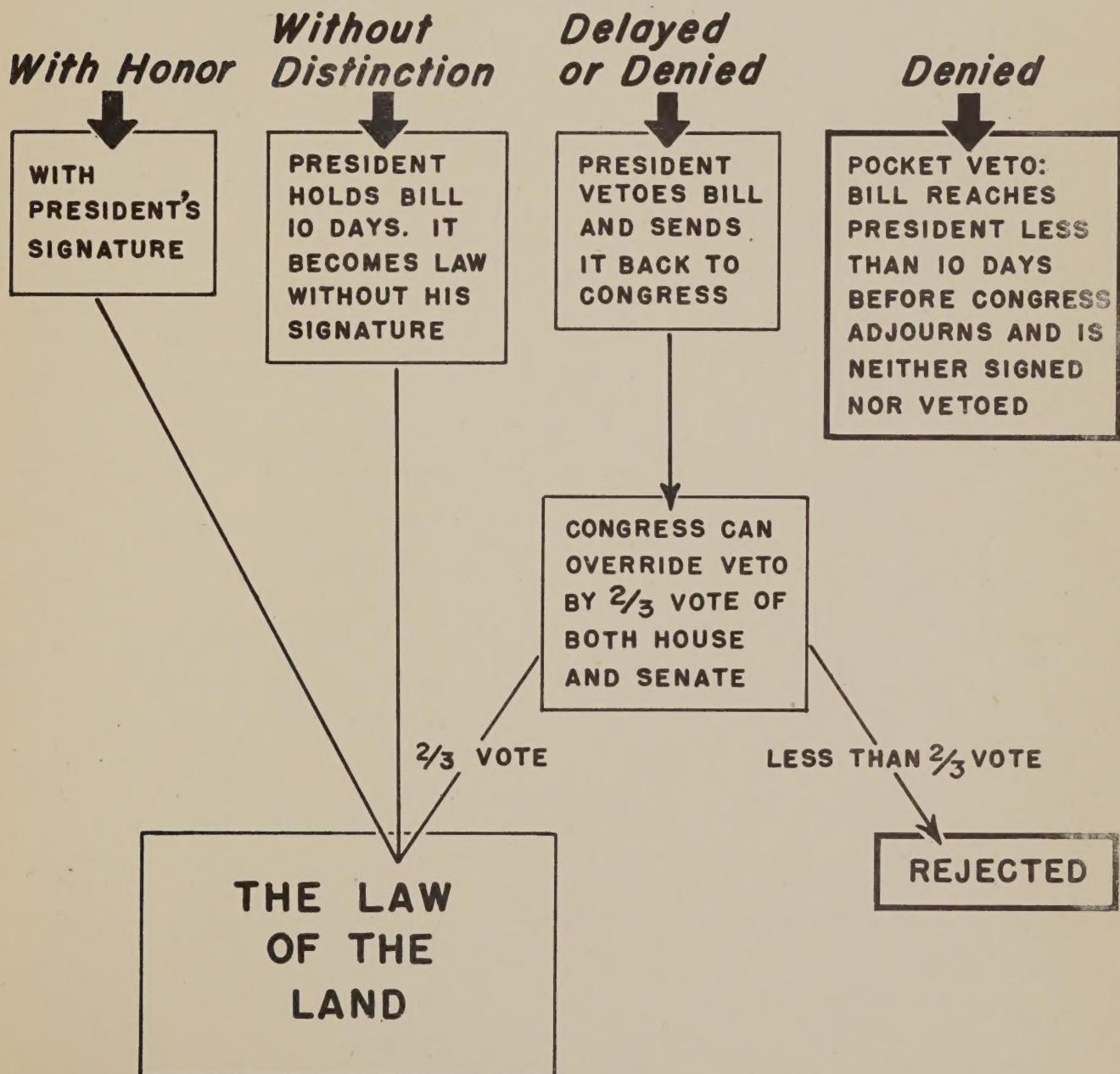




# Graduation



*Bill comes before  
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